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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, USIB Security Committee

THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence
THROUGH : [REDACTED] IC Staff

SUBJECT : Press Leaks on Technical Intelligence

REFERENCE : DIA Memorandum, S-0201/DR, "Press Leaks on Technical Intelligence" dated 12 September 1975

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1. Everyone in the intelligence community deplores the repeated leaks of intelligence items appearing in the national press.

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The assessment prepared by DIA on this article shows the amount of damage that can be caused.

2. I believe General Graham's proposal to combat these leaks is not, however, in the best interest of the intelligence community or the policy makers in the government. To stop or restrict the production of intelligence of any kind is self defeating and ignores the problem of the leaks themselves. Current technical intelligence publications are an important input to our activities. The effectiveness of OSR reporting would be sorely diminished by not being able to provide our customers--primarily the policy makers--with timely information such as current intelligence on foreign military weapons and in our estimative and SALT support work.

3. Further, the suggestion that quick release of technical intelligence be decided upon by GMAIC strikes me as being too cumbersome to be practical. This

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Committee only meets once a week. Further, the use of Community judgment on just about anything would almost certainly insure that it does not get out quickly.

4. As an alternative to General Graham's plan I would suggest that technical intelligence reports be subject to review and disseminated on a severely restricted/need-to-know basis (rather than not producing them at all). This should produce the same results as those cited in General Graham's memorandum without denying necessary information to the consumers of technical intelligence products.



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Attached memo from [REDACTED] responds to a
Dan Graham request for a CIA assessment of damage to
technical collectors [REDACTED]
OSR concludes that Graham's recommendations are a
little drastic.

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[REDACTED] IC Staff, is coordinating the
assessment, which may be on an upcoming USIB agenda.

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